

1 there may be circumstances under which a peculiar loss to
2 him has diminished the value of his property in other ways.

3 There have been cases in Maryland where a
4 highway has been lowered or raised adjacent to the property,
5 or a freeway built through right next to it where under the
6 present law there are no damages, but if a freeway is built
7 right next to your \$60,000 home and your property is
8 considerably diminished by that immediate noise, immediate
9 smell, immediate everything else, it is not the smell and
10 noise you get damage for but the diminution and damage to
11 your property.

12 I can't go into more detail on that.

13 This would not apply to the property on the
14 other side of you and beyond. It is not a concept that
15 gives the sky the limit, that gives everybody the right
16 to rush in and get damages, but it does recognize in
17 this day and age where the government is taking more and more
18 property for public improvement that people are entitled
19 to some kind of compensation and more than they have been
20 able to get in this rather conservative attitude taken by
21 our courts over the last two hundred years.